

ASKS JUST TAXATION OF AUTOMOBILE HERE

H. H. Franklin Thinks Time Is
Here When More Considera-
tion Will Be Given Matter.

The question of whether motor cars are justly taxed is going to receive more intelligent consideration in the future, in the opinion of H. H. Franklin, president of the H. H. Franklin Manufacturing Company. He points out that the automobile has become a giant economic factor in the life of the nation and is in an entirely different position than when the policy of taxing it was first adopted.

"It is my belief that an automobile tax law as imposed at this time is class legislation," Mr. Franklin declares. "If it is right to tax a motor car, it is right to tax a horse-drawn vehicle, a steamroller—anything which travels over the highways."

Taxation of motor cars today is excessive. In practically every State in the Union it takes the form of a heavy levy on one of the greatest developments this country has ever known.

The automobile is a business utility—indeed, a national public service utility. It is making rural localities as accessible as any part of a big city. Its usefulness in marketing commodities of all kinds is becoming of immeasurable value to the public.

"Development along these lines is just starting," Mr. Franklin says. "It is to be made the limit of taxation as high as the owner will accept. In other words, this taxation is not based on the idea of what is best for the community or State."

"The time is coming, due to the careful analysis being given to motor car costs, more particularly the cost of operation, when taxation will be a well-understood item; when the State governments will not be able to tax beyond what is right; when it will be established that it is fair to tax a motor car, it is fair to tax a horse-drawn vehicle."

New Standard Suit To Check Oil Rise

Acceptance of Dissolution Decree
Declared Responsible for
Present High Gasoline.

A gigantic blunder in the Government's acceptance of the Standard Oil Company system to gain relief.

The only possible hitch to a new suit is that the former Supreme Court decision was accepted without reserve by the Government lawyers.

By the Supreme Court decree, the combination of thirty oil companies under the parent company of New Jersey, was dissolved. The stock in the companies was ordered separated from the New Jersey Company.

The result, it is said, was that the Rockefeller, Archibald and perhaps a dozen others absorbed most of the stock.

In recent cases, including those against the Union Pacific and the Harvester Company, the decrees have especially stated that stock in the subsidiary companies cannot be held by stockholders in the parent company.

This clause is the only thing that makes the decrees effective, officials said today.

Ohio Prison League Opens Ball Season

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15.—The Ohio Penitentiary Baseball League opened its 1916 season in the prison grounds here today. No. 1 team played No. 2. The members of both squads, though they frequently expressed the belief that it would not be in better form, were deprived of the customary Southern training trip. Warden Thomas said today, however, that both teams are fast. The court clerks have new uniforms—baseball uniforms, that is—equipment this year.

Joins Alimony Ranks; Too Busy to Love Wife

NEW YORK, April 15.—Life is just one job on top of another for Montrose Wentworth Escoe, and there is no room in it for love.

On evidence presented by Mrs. Rose Escoe, Supreme Court Justice Huger granted her temporary alimony pending determination of her separation suit.

Escoe holds three jobs under the board of education, which net him all told \$2,500 a year. Mrs. Escoe alleged lack of congeniality, due mainly to her teacher-husband's eternal devotion to work.

Dike Breaks, Flooding Sections of Holland

AMSTERDAM, April 15.—The Scheldt dike has broken near Quatrecht, six miles east of Ghent, and a large area of southern Holland and northern Belgium is already under water.

The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000. Thus far no loss of life has been reported.

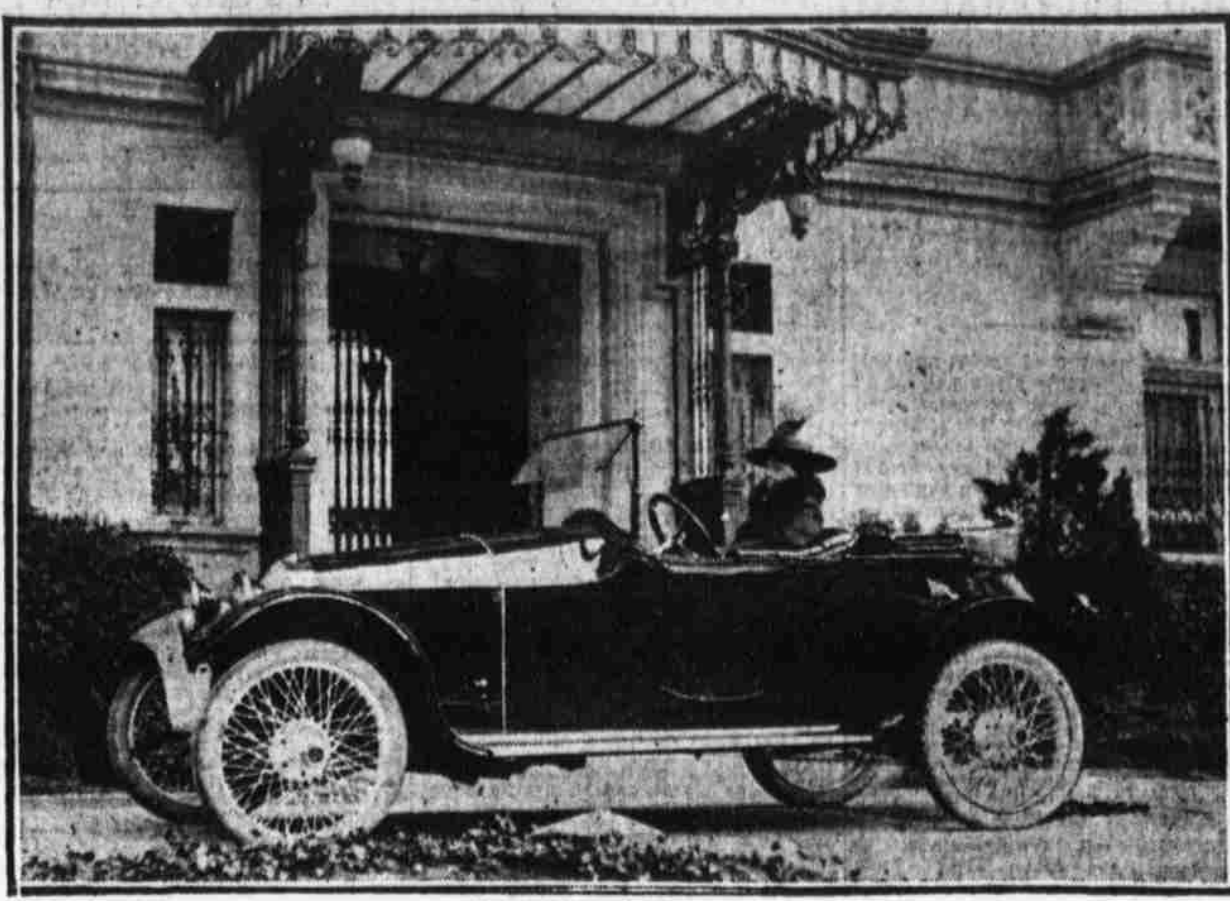
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PHILADELPHIA MOTOR TRACK PLAN OUTLINED

New Speedway Association
Goes Over Its Program at
Meeting at the Ebbitt House.

At a dinner of the local members of the Philadelphia Motor Speedway Association Tuesday night at the Ebbitt Hotel, the plans and progress of this new and most modern of automobile race tracks were discussed.

The gathering was in the nature of an exposition of the work on the huge automobile, its objects, its cost, and the various programs of events under consideration.

According to the secretary, C. H. Hower, October 7 will see the opening of the speedway, and a series of motor races by a field of notable drivers will be its dedication.

Following the banquet there were a series of highly interesting talks by C. H. Hower, Fred Wagner, E. C. Hutchinson, of the New Jersey Legislature; A. J. Stiner, of Philadelphia, and Perry Shannon, of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Hower's talk, which was devoted largely to the splendid support which Philadelphia's motor folk assure the track, touched on the financial prospects of the association.

Fred Wagner, veteran starter and manager of thousands of motor events, talked at length on the growth of the sport.

The guests were Charles H. Hower, Philadelphia secretary and treasurer; Perry A. Shannon, Pittsburgh director; Claude E. Miller, vice president; Arthur Stanley Zell, Baltimore director; Fred J. Wagner, New Jersey director of events; Congressman E. C. Hutchinson, New Jersey; A. J. Stiner, E. Volz, Jr., chairman committee; J. J. Hays, Jr., H. E. Huntzberry, Lieut. A. Von Steiner, Goltz, Jacob Baumgarten, Robert Grier, Arthur Foraker, J. T. Donohoe, H. L. French, C. A. Jones, E. B. Terry, Matthew Trimble, J. H. Hoover, F. H. Gibb, J. H. Landess, William H. Howlin, Charles E. Miller, Samuel M. Jones, R. S. Robbins, E. D. Manley, Lieut. J. H. Hoover, H. E. Coblenz, Frank G. Stewart, Irving C. Barber, W. J. McLean, Lieut. Owen Bartlett, Robert F. Strine, Arthur J. Tholl, and Charles J. Gawler.

Hogan-Williston Ticket Indorsed by Sixth Club

The Sixth District Republican Club indorsed the Hogan-Williston ticket for delegates to the Republican convention at a meeting attended by 90 persons.

Speeches in advocacy of the ticket were made by J. H. Penrose, H. C. Brooks, E. L. Gaskins, T. H. K. Clark, and Candidates Frank J. Hogan and Dr. Edward Williston.

Breeds Pheasants With Chickens Successfully

XENIA, Ohio, April 15.—L. F. Cleveland, a farmer near here, has succeeded in breeding ring-necked pheasant with Silver Hamburg chickens.

He has eight of the hybrids on his farm. This is believed to be the first time that domestic fowls and pheasants have been successfully crossed.

To Meet Monday.

Addresses by John Hider, secretary of the Ellen Wilson Homes, and Miss Elizabeth G. Fox, superintendent of instruction of the Virginia Nurses' Society, will feature the monthly meeting of the Georgetown Citizens' Association in Potomac Savings Bank hall, Monday evening.

USE SECRET PROCESS TO FINISH CAR BODIES

Dodge Brothers Develop Special
Equipment for Work.

The remarkable finish of the all-steel bodies of Dodge Brothers motor cars is always the subject of admiration where motor enthusiasts gather for comparisons and this has led to many conjectures as to how the finish is applied.

The department in which the bodies are enameled was developed within the plant and a portion of the process is secret.

The steel bodies are carefully prepared for the reception of the enamel, which is applied in a manner developed in the plant, and are then conveyed through a battery of ovens approximately 1,000 feet long by a double chain system.

When they emerge, the enamel has been baked on and has the high luster that has attracted so much attention.

The entire installation cost more than \$100,000 and many parts of it are exclusive. The heat is automatically controlled by electricity and the temperature is maintained evenly within five degrees. The heat loss is but 4 per cent, so carefully has insulation been worked out.

The ovens have a capacity of 1,500 completely enameled bodies every 24 hours.

William E. Naughton Is Chauffeurs' Auditor

William E. Naughton was elected auditor of the Professional Chauffeurs' Association last Monday. Next Monday will be opening night of the new headquarters. A number of prominent local automobile dealers will be present to address the members.

The new headquarters comprise the first floor over Miller Brothers' supply house, 1101 Fourteenth street. The first floor is arranged as a library, smoking and recreation room, and the office is located on the same floor. The second floor is arranged as one large assembly room, where more than 150 persons, and here all business meetings will be held.

Wind Blows Girl Into Auto, Breaks Her Neck

BALTIMORE, April 15.—A forty-mile-an-hour gale sweeping over Baltimore and Chesapeake Bay last night did considerable damage.

Sophie Dover, ten years old, and her younger sister, Lillian, roller skating on Cross street, were blown into an automobile. Sophie's neck was broken and her sister badly hurt.

A steel 110-foot smokestack at the Baltimore Drydock Company was blown down, breaking through the roof of a dwelling and injuring William Decou and several other persons.

The steamer Ellawood broke adrift and smashed into the Pennsylvania Railroad plant, causing damage amounting to about \$11,000.

Neighborhood House Plans Spring Fete

The fourteenth annual spring festival of the Neighborhood House, 470 N. street southwest, will be held on the afternoon and evenings of May 4, 5 and 6.

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"Only yesterday a woman came to me and said, 'I wish you'd have that Dort touring car my husband bought of you delivered just as soon as you can. Since he sold his other car we are simply lost without an automobile. We used always to take a ride just before bedtime, and you have no idea how well the fresh air made the children sleep. Since our car has been gone they are restless at night and irritable in the daytime. Please hurry our car up.'"

PITTSBURGH KIDDIES GET SAVINGS BACK

Henry C. Frick Promises to See
None Lose From Bank.

PITTSBURGH, April 15.—Thousands of Pittsburgh boys and girls were delighted today when they got back half the savings that they thought were lost forever when the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings failed last December.

Whether the bank pays it or not, the kids also will get back the other half of their savings, because Henry C. Frick, the millionaire steel man, has pledged himself to see that none of the boys and girls, most of whom have none too much of this world's goods and now, lose a penny by the bank's failure.

Douglass Club Favors Miller-Chase Ticket

The Miller-Chase ticket for delegates to the Republican convention in Chicago June 7 was indorsed by the Frederick Douglass Republican Club last night.

True Reformers' Hall, in which the club met, was well filled, and reverberated with cheers after the political speeches by Candidates Miller, Chase, Collins, and Hayes, and Sumner G. Holmes, Charles S. Williams, and E. M. Hewlette.

New members of the District Motor Club are Dr. William C. Gwynn, Albert S. Carter, Valerie B. Pedelford, Christian Heinrich, W. A. Wimsatt, Mrs. Ada A. Furr, Mrs. F. A. Keep, Joseph S. Bell, J. B. Bayne, Dr. Henry C. Thompson, H. V. Lansdale, John B. Larner, Roy M. Logan, Robert F. Rose, Allan C. Brown, Dr. L. W. Eugster, Col. Charles M. O'Connor, U. S. A.; Fred C. Geiger, and Admiral William S. Benson, U. S. N.

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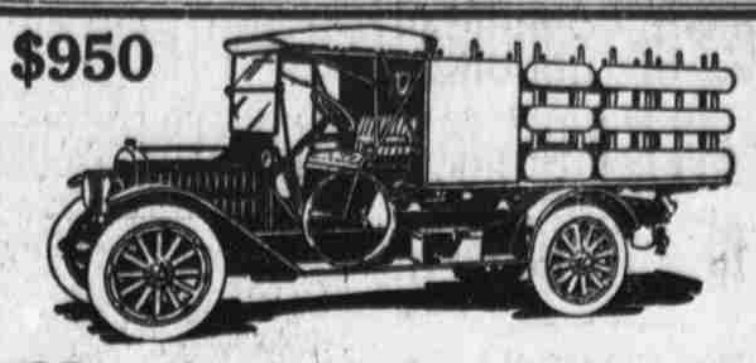
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